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SUBJECT: CDA URGES FM NOROV TO REVERSE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH
ACCREDITATION DECISION

REF: A. TASHKENT 1146

[1](#)B. TASHKENT 1152

Classified By: CDA Brad Hanson for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) Charge raised the Government of Uzbekistan's decision to deny accreditation to an AmCit Human Rights Watch staff member (reftels) with Foreign Minister Norov on the margins of Ambassador John Hanford's June 26 meeting (septel). Charge noted that the government's decision leaves Human Rights Watch without any accredited expatriate staff in Uzbekistan, and effectively shuts down the organization's office. Charge said that the decision sends the wrong message about Uzbekistan's commitment to human rights and should be reversed. Norov provided no substantive response.
HANSON